

# Seat Pleasant News

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## CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT

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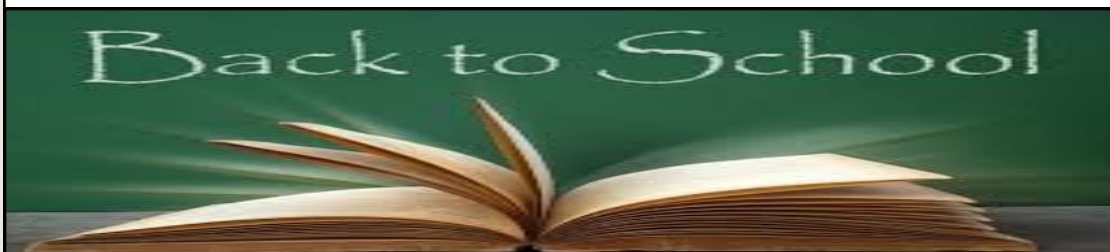
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## SEAT PLEASANT GOES



Uniforms, bus schedules, backpacks, notebooks, lunch money, etc., etc., It all starts again **Tuesday, August 26, 2014** and with a little planning the transition can be very smooth. The Prince George's County Public School (PGCPS) site, the individual school sites along with various educational organizations offer various tips and suggestions for students and parents to help make the Back To School year a great experience.

A good place to start for a successful school year is at home! Parents of elementary school children should reestablish the bedtime from the summer to the school year hours; Be sure to have "something" for breakfast; Establish homework time; Select clothes the night before. Parents of High school students should promote plenty of sleep; Limit media and electronic activities; Encourage structured participation in academic and sports activities and begin [because it's never too early] discussions about college or other types of post high school education. Please visit the Prince George's County Public School Site at [www1.pgcps.org](http://www1.pgcps.org) for all the latest school information.

### A NOTE ABOUT SCHOOL REGISTRATION:

All students should be registered by August 8th to secure bus transportation and to avoid receiving a temporary grade level schedule with selected general classes.

## START THE SCHOOL YEAR AS A FAMILY!

COME LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL, MEET NEW FRIENDS, ENJOY GREAT FOOD, AND GET EXCITED ABOUT THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

**PRINCE GEORGE'S  
COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2014**

**10:00 AM—2:00 PM**

**SHOW PLACE ARENA**

**14900 PENNSYLVANIA AVE.,  
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772**

## NEW VACCINE REQUIREMENTS FOR 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

- 2 DOSES OF VARICELLA VACCINE FOR ENTRY INTO KINDERGARTEN
- 1 DOSE OF Tdap VACCINE FOR ENTRY INTO 7TH GRADE
- 1 DOSE OF MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE FOR ENTRY INTO 7TH GRADE

## \* SEAT PLEASANT UPCOMING EVENTS \*



**Tuesday, August 5th**  
**6pm-8pm**  
 Rear of Seat Pleasant  
 Activity Center  
 5720 Addison Rd.

### "BACK TO SCHOOL" MOVIE NIGHT

**MOVIE & POPCORN**  
**MOVIE STARTS AT**  
**7:30 PM**

**&**  
**SCHOOL**  
**BACKPACK & SUPPLY**  
**GIVEAWAYS**



Courtesy of the  
 Stiletto Drivers  
 Club

### "LET'S MOVE" Goodwin Park

(Yoga)  
**Friday, August 1st**  
**2 Sessions 6pm & 7pm**

(Boot Camp)  
**Saturday, August 9th**  
**6-8 pm**

(Yoga)  
**Friday, August 22nd**  
**2 Sessions 6 pm & 7pm**

### CITY SHREDDING EVENT

**Saturday,**  
**September 6, 2014**  
**10:00 am — 2:00 pm**

RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO  
 BRING THEIR UNWANTED SENSI-  
 TIVE DOCUMENTS (BILLS, RE-  
 CEIPTS, TAX AND MEDICAL  
 RECORDS, ETC.)

Seat Pleasant City Hall  
 Parking Lot  
 6301 Addison Rd., Seat  
 Pleasant, MD 20743



Attention  
 High School Students

**November 22, 2014**

**THE SEAT PLEASANT**  
**COLLEGE FAIR**

### SEAT PLEASANT COMMUNITY MARKET

Do you have extra items in your house you would like to sell? Would you like to make some extra cash for the Holidays? Do you make crafts, jewelry, etc? Well here is your opportunity to get your items into the eyes and hands of the public. Vendors can sell their crafts, collectibles, antiques, treasures and much more!!!

**Saturday, September 20th**  
**11am — 4 pm**  
**Seat Pleasant Activity Center**  
**5720 Addison Rd.**

To register and reserve your space please  
 call Ms. Tiffani Darby at 301-336-2600  
 by September 5, 2014.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!**





### Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Company 4th Annual Crab Feast

**Saturday, September 13, 2014**  
**305 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743**

**All you can eat crabs, steamed corn, hot dogs,  
Hamburgers, fried chicken, cole slaw,  
baked beans and potato salad**

**50/50 Raffle & other raffles**  
**Live DJ**

**Tickets:**  
**Early Bird \$35 (ends 8/1)**  
**Regular \$40**  
**more at the door**

### JOIN THE PTO

The **Seat Pleasant Elementary School** PTO encourages all parents and guardians to join and participate in PTO activities. The fee is \$5.00. Meetings are held every first Tuesday of the month. Meeting date changes will be announced. All interested persons should contact the school's PTO president Ms. Darlene Robinson, 301-925-2330 or your child's classroom teacher.



### MOSQUITO SPRAYING

The Maryland Department of Agriculture has begun spraying for mosquitoes in Seat Pleasant. The Schedule for Seat Pleasant is **Thursday nights**. Spraying for adult mosquitoes will be based strictly on results from standardized surveillance methods. Traps are set at predetermined locations that are known to have enough to pass testing. The program runs from June 2, 2014 through September 18, 2014.

### (CORRECTION)

#### SAVE GAS — RIDE THE CITY CALL-A-BUS

Senior and Handicapped/Disabled Seat Pleasant Residents only can ride the Call-A-Bus at no charge. Transportation are for trips within Prince George's County, MD only. The bus runs Monday thru Friday beginning at 8:00am with the last run at 2:30 pm. Appointments must be made five (5) days in advance of the appointment. To make reservations please call City Hall at 301-336-2600.

### BE INFORMED — STAY CONNECTED

The City is developing a resident email list so we can reach as many as possible regarding activities, events and news in and around the city. Please contact City Hall at 301-336-2600 with your name and email address or send it to: [cityadministrator@seatpleasantmd.gov](mailto:cityadministrator@seatpleasantmd.gov)

### ONLINE PAYMENTS

Seat Pleasant now provides an online payment service for certain city fees. Persons can use this service to pay police related fees and park rentals. This service will be convenient for making payments on weekends and after the City Hall close of business. If you use this service during either of these times just present your e-payment receipt on the next business day. Visit the City website [www.seatpleasantmd.gov](http://www.seatpleasantmd.gov) for instructions on this service.

### ATTENTION VETERANS

**Help us recognize you with the respect that you are due.**

On Tuesday, November 11, 2014 from 9:30 to am12:00 pm the city will host its annual Veterans Day Celebration. We would like to honor as many Seat Pleasant Veterans as we can. Please contact Ms. Tiffani Darby, Community Service Administrative Assistant at 301-336-2600 and provide her with the following information: Name, Branch of the military, rank, years of service, contact information (address, phone no., and email address if applicable). Please provide this information to Ms. Darby by **Tuesday, September 30, 2014.**



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## WHAT'S NEW AT CITY HALL?

### NEW FACE AT THE FRONT DESK



Visitors and guests of City Hall will be greeted by our new receptionist Ms. Angela Payton. Those of you who have interacted with Ms. Payton know of her lively, bubbly personality. Ms. Payton comes to us with an enthusiastic willingness to be a team player and make all callers and visitors welcome. As she puts it, *"my goal is to make someone smile by the end of each day"*.

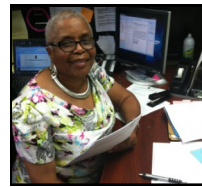
### NEED A NOTARY?

Ms. Tiffani Darby, Community Services Liaison is now a certified Notary Public. She is available for this service to the community Monday through Friday, 9:00am –5:00 pm at City Hall. Effective April 2014, Maryland notary fees increased. The fee is \$4.00 for the first signature and \$2.00 for each additional signature.

### SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYEES ARE HERE!

City Hall has eight extra hands on deck with our four Summer Youth Employees. Each year the city hires youth ages 15-18 to work in the various municipal departments. Their requirements for employment? Good grades, attendance and behavior. Wearing their protective gloves one youth with guidance from Ms. Dashaun Lanham, City Clerk are going through 30+ years of legislative and other city council archival documents. Another youth is helping out in the finance Department entering cash receipts in Peachtree software and filing purchase requisitions. Another youth is assisting in the Community Services Department preparing for city event. And the last youth is categorizing and color-coding the files of the Office of the Mayor.

### FULL-TIME GRANT WRITER



The City now has a full time grant seeker Ms. Jane Talbert. Ms. Talbert was formerly a contractual grant writer for the City. Ms. Talbert has developed several great working relationships with key people in the fund agencies in the County and the State. She has written and received grants so far that have afforded some energy efficient appliances for some of our senior citizens. She has also been successful in receiving grant funding for our police department. Ms. Talbert's background is not only grant writing, she was also a teacher in the Prince George's County school system for several years and a editor for Prince George's Journal for seventeen years.

### SHE'S LEAVING

Ms. Olga Pabon, The Principal with the sunshine smile is leaving the City of Excellence's Seat Pleasant Elementary School. Before coming to SPES Ms. Pabon specialty was in the reading programs in the school system. Her talents have afforded her the new position of Supervisor of the Prince George's County Middle School Reading Program. Congratulations, we wish her well and we thank her for her special role in the education of our children.



### SEAT PLEASANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Home of the Hornets*

#### New Students Registration Open

If you are new to the area and wish to enroll your child or children in SPES please call Ms. Harris on 301-925-2330 to learn of the required documentation. Registration is ongoing except on Fridays.

### e-Alerts

Parents and guardians are encouraged to sign up for email or text **e-Alerts**. This services keeps you informed of school emergencies, delayed openings, early dismissals and/or school and office closings. Also make sure all the phone numbers in your children's school files are accurate and up-to-date. To sign up for the P G C P S **e - A l e r t s** go to : [www.public.govdelivery.com](http://www.public.govdelivery.com).

### HE'S LEAVING

Mr. Charoscar Coleman, Principal of Central High School will be moving on to be the Principal at Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School. He leaves behind higher graduation rates, higher test scores and increased participation in Central High School's career academy programs. Congratulations, we wish him well and thank him for his special role in the education of our teenagers.



## ➤ BACK TO SCHOOL (cont.) ◀

### CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL *Home of the Falcons* *International Baccalaureate Program*

Did you know that Central HS had an International Baccalaureate (IB) Program? This is a challenging curriculum that teaches students to think and study on an international level. It helps them to develop into inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people through intercultural understanding and respect.

There are IB Programs all over the world however there are only five in Prince George's County. Students who complete the IB Program benefit by receiving higher collegiate acceptance, increasing scholarship opportunities; making an easier transition from high school to college; and fostering an intercultural mindset for thinking and interacting.

For more information contact Diana Kendrick, Ed.D, IB District Coordinator at 301-499-7080.

### SEAT PLEASANT ELEMENTARY AUTISM PROGRAM GROWING

According to 2014 statistics of the U.S. Centers for disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 1 in 88 children in America have autism. There are seven elementary schools in Prince George's county that have autism programs. Last year there were 70 autistic children enrolled, it will increase this year to approximately 90 children.

The school has an Autism Parent Support Group which meets bi-monthly (contact the school for dates & times 301-925-2330).

Annually the school host an Autism conference during Autism Awareness month (April) which is well attended. Several activities are also held involving the children during that month.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**April 18, 2015**  
**4th Annual Autism Awareness Conference**

### POLICE MODULAR BUILDING UPDATE



The City is moving forward with preparatory procedures for the new police modular building. There are many components involved in addition to the actual modular being placed on the site. They involve surveying, engineering, architectural and, utilities work just to name a few. Our Public Works Director Mr. Johnny Thompson, is working closely with construction professionals. We look forward to a great police site.

### IT'S ALMOST A MEMORY



It won't be long now. The Feggans Center demolition is nearing completion. The Construction company is diligently working with minimum disturbance to the neighborhood. The work hours are between 7am and 3:30 pm Monday through Friday. The park is closed during demolition.

### STATE TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

The Renters' Tax Credit Program provides credits against rent tenants who qualify based on a sliding scale of rental liability and income. The Renter's Tax Credit Program is a State funded program. The program was put in place to address the inflationary increases in rents. The Renter's Tax Credit Eligibility application can be completed one of three ways listed below:

1. By Mailing the application to the address below
2. By Using the online Renter's Tax Credit Application  
(Application online is due **September 1, 2014**).
3. By Printing and mailing the pdf application on the State Department of Assessment and Taxation web site:  
<http://www.dat.state.md.us>

The State of Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation mailing address is:

Department of Assessment and Taxation  
Renter' Tax Credit Program  
301 West Preston Street  
Baltimore Maryland 21201

## OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK Ms. Dashaun Lanham

### ⌘ LEGISLATION ⌘

Council action in May/June

- **RESOLUTION R-14-14**  
A RESOLUTION concerning Disposition of Surplus Property
- **RESOLUTION R-14-15**  
A RESOLUTION concerning Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual
- **ORDINANCE O-14-14**  
ORDINANCE concerning Adoption of fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget for the City of Seat Pleasant, Maryland

Copies of approved legislation are available from the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 6301 Addison Rd. Seat Pleasant, MD 20743-2125

### ⌘ MONTHLY MEETINGS ⌘

The Mayor and City Council will meet on the following days in the months of August, September, October and November 2014:

August  
City Council Recess

**Monday, September 8, 2014**  
Public Session  
7:00 pm

**Monday, October 6, 2014**  
Regular Work Session  
6:00 pm

**Monday, October 13, 2014**  
Public Session  
7:00 pm

**Monday, November 3, 2014**  
Regular Work Session  
6:00 pm

**Monday, November 10, 2014**  
Public Session  
7:00 pm

The meetings will be held at Seat Pleasant City Hall Council Chambers 6301 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant, MD 20743-2125. If you desire to speak before the Council at the Public Session, please contact the City Clerk to register your concerns before the meeting.

### VOTER REGISTRATION UPDATE

The Board of Supervisors of Election would like to update the Voter Registration List for the City of Seat Pleasant. The Board is requesting that ALL residents of the City assist them in this process by taking the following steps:

- 1) If you have a family member that is **DECEASED**, please send a letter to the Board of Election informing them of this information. You will need to identify yourself in the letter. The letter should state the name of the person that is deceased that maybe listed as an active voter.
- 2) If you reside in a property and you continue to receive mail for the previous resident, please return the mail to the post office. Addressed as the **"WRONG ADDRESS"**
- 3) If a person has relocated permanently, please encourage them to update their Voter Registration.
- 4) If you noticed **NEW** residents, please send them to City Hall to complete a Voter Registration Card to change their Voter information.

Please mail your letter to:  
**Prince George's County  
Board of Election  
1100 Mercantile Ln., Suite 115A  
Largo, MD 20774**

**If you would like to verify if your family members are still listed on the City's Voter Registration list, please feel free to contact the City Clerk.**

## Councilwoman Elenora Simms Ward I



Please join me for the Ward 1 Meeting on:

Saturday, August 9, 2014  
12:00—1:30 pm  
Seat Pleasant City Hall  
Council Chambers  
6301 Addison Rd.  
Seat Pleasant, MD 20743



## Councilman Johnie L. Higgs Councilman-at-Large

On June 8th –12th I attended the annual Maryland Municipal League Convention in Ocean City, Maryland. This year's theme was "Educate, Engage, Excel".

I attended a workshop entitled "Structure of Municipal Government," which I chose to attend as a refresher course on municipal charters and codes; I attended a workshop on the Public Information Act which gave a synopsis on the proper release of public information; I also attended a workshop on Municipal Budgets and how they should be looked at as a legislative tool, act and process; and a workshop on conflict management approaches.

Also Seat Pleasant was once again and has been since 2009 designated as a Banner/City which is the recognition the Maryland Municipal League gives those cities and towns that participate in showcasing how municipal government works by educating the public, participating in League activities, and reaching out on issues relating to legislative priorities and membership. Those municipalities that receive this designation are honored at the annual MML convention. Well done Seat Pleasant!



Seat Pleasant

*"A City of Excellence"*

6301 Addison Road

Seat Pleasant, Maryland 20743



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### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

|                                                        |                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>ANIMAL CONTROL/MANAGEMENT</b>                       | <b>301-499-8301/301-780-7200</b> |
| <b>BATES TRASH</b>                                     | <b>301-773-2069</b>              |
| <b>CAPITOL HEIGHTS/MAIN POST OFFICES</b>               | <b>301-333-5494/301-499-7304</b> |
| <b>CITY HALL/CALL-A-BUS</b>                            | <b>301-336-2600</b>              |
| <b>METRO ACCESS</b>                                    | <b>301-562-5360</b>              |
| <b>PEPCO/OUTAGES &amp; WIRES</b>                       | <b>202-833-7500/877-737-2662</b> |
| <b>PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DEPT. OF AGING</b>           | <b>301-265-8450</b>              |
| <b>PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICES</b> | <b>301-909-7025</b>              |
| <b>PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY ELECTION BOARD</b>           | <b>301-341-7300</b>              |
| <b>PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY THE BUS</b>                  | <b>301-883-5600</b>              |
| <b>WASHINGTON GAS/EMERGENCY</b>                        | <b>703-750-1000/703-750-1400</b> |
| <b>WSSC/EMERGENCY</b>                                  | <b>301-206-9772/301-206-4002</b> |

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